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Applicant : T. KIKUCHI et al  
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Title : A CROSS-CONTAMINATION PREVENTION SYSTEM AND  
AUTOMATIC ANALYZER WHICH EQUIP FOR IT  
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

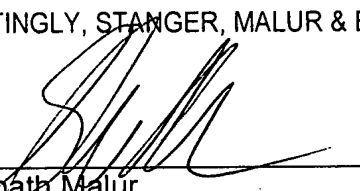
Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 18, 2007, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention defined by the Examiner as Group I, including claims 1-9. This election is made with traverse.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

Respectfully submitted,

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